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Sent: 4/20/2020 10:03:15 PM
To: Sullivan, Melissa [sullivan.melissa@epa.gov]
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Subject: Re: April 27-30, 2020, TSCA Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals Meeting on Asbestos POSTPONED

As a starting point, here is possible language for a response:

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Thanks,
Hayley

On Apr 20, 2020, at 5:59 PM, Sullivan, Melissa <sullivan.melissa@epa.gov> wrote:

Thank you. Terry will update as late as tomorrow afternoon.

On Apr 20, 2020, at 5:16 PM, Ortiz, Julia <Ortiz.Julia@epa.gov> wrote:

Looping Steve and Hayley from OSCP.

From: Sullivan, Melissa <sullivan.melissa@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 5:15 PM
To: Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; Ortiz, Julia <Ortiz.Julia@epa.gov>; Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>; Pierce, Alison <Pierce.Alison@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: April 27-30, 2020, TSCA Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals Meeting on Asbestos POSTPONED

Good afternoon,

We received an inquiry from Terry Hyland of Chemical Watch. Deadline is 5:30 PM today. I have requested she update since it is such a tight deadline.

Questions below:

Any more information available on why the asbestos Saac meeting has been postponed, with no new date scheduled? Are there insufficient members on the panel to proceed with a meeting at this point? If so, what brought about the shortfall? Or is it a matter of conflicting schedules? If the latter, is the schedule conflict caused by working arrangements impacted by the Covid-19 outbreak?

Begin forwarded message:

From: Terry Hyland <terry.hyland@chemicalwatch.com>
Date: April 20, 2020 at 4:49:53 PM EDT
To: "Labbe, Ken" <Labbe.Ken@epa.gov>, Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: April 27-30, 2020, TSCA Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals Meeting on Asbestos POSTPONED

Hi Ken,

Any more information available on why the asbestos Saac meeting has been postponed, with no new date scheduled? Are there insufficient members on the panel to proceed with a meeting at this point? If so, what brought about the shortfall? Or is it a matter of conflicting schedules? If the latter, is the schedule conflict caused by working arrangements impacted by the Covid-19 outbreak?

Thank you!

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From: U.S. EPA Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention
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Subject: April 27-30, 2020, TSCA Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals Meeting on Asbestos POSTPONED
To: <terry.hyland@chemicalwatch.com>

EPA is postponing the Toxic Substances Control Act Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals review virtual meeting scheduled for April 27-30, 2020, due to recent changes in the availability of this peer review. Given the importance of the draft risk evaluation for asbestos, the Agency believes rescheduling for a time when more members are available is critical and will allow for a more robust evaluation. As a result, the SACC meeting will be rescheduled as soon as practicable. The Agency will make another announcement once the new dates for the SACC meeting on asbestos have been determined.

While the Agency does not anticipate extending the written public comment period on the draft risk assessment past the June 2, 2020, due date, as needs arise EPA will review and respond appropriately. All written comments received by June 2nd will be provided to the SACC for their review prior to the meeting. If the Agency has selected a new date for the meeting, the Agency will provide an update on public commenting and how to register to provide oral public comments during the SACC meeting. EPA remains committed to making this process as expeditiously as possible.

You will continue to find information about the SACC meeting, and links to related documents, on the SACC website at <https://www.epa.gov/tsca-peer-review/peer-review-draft-risk-evaluation-asbestos>.

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